

Example 4.2:

Find a MacLaurin series for the following function:

$$g(x) = \frac{4x}{2+x}$$

(Where does it converge?)

→ look at the series for this function:

$$\frac{1}{2+x} = \frac{1}{2(1+\frac{x}{2})} = \frac{1}{2} \cdot \sum_{n=0}^{\infty} (-1)^n \frac{x^n}{2^n} \quad \text{for } \left| \frac{x}{2} \right| < 1$$

→ so $g(x) = \frac{4x}{2+x}$

↑
geometric
 $r = -\frac{x}{2}$

$$= 2 \cdot \sum_{N=0}^{\infty} \frac{(-1)^N x^{N+1}}{z^N} \bigg| \frac{1}{1-r} = \sum_{N=0}^{\infty} r^N$$

$$= \sum_{N=0}^{\infty} \frac{(-1)^N x^{N+1}}{z^{N-1}}$$

$$= \sum_{N=1}^{\infty} \frac{(-1)^{N-1} x^N}{z^{N-2}}$$

Example: Find a MacLaurin series for $f(x) = \cos(2x)$

1. $2 \sum_k (-1)^k \frac{x^{2k}}{(2k)!}$

2. $\sum_k (-1)^k \frac{x^{2k+2}}{k!}$

3. $\sum_k (-1)^k \frac{2^k x^{2k}}{(2k)!}$

4. $\sum_k (-1)^k \frac{4^k x^{2k}}{(2k)!}$

• for all real t

$$\cos(t) = \sum_{n=0}^{\infty} \frac{(-1)^n t^{2n}}{(2n)!}$$

• take $t = 2x$:

$$\begin{aligned} f(x) = \cos(2x) &= \sum_{n=0}^{\infty} \frac{(-1)^n 2^{2n} x^{2n}}{(2n)!} \\ &= \sum_{n=0}^{\infty} \frac{(-1)^n 4^n x^{2n}}{(2n)!} \end{aligned}$$

$(2^2)^n = 4^n$
↑

Recall: Differentiation and Integration of Power Series

$$\frac{d}{dx} \left(\sum_{k=0}^{\infty} a_k x^k \right) = \sum_{k=1}^{\infty} k a_k x^{k-1} = \sum_{k=0}^{\infty} a_k \frac{d}{dx} [x^k]$$
$$\int \left(\sum_{k=0}^{\infty} a_k x^k \right) dx = \sum_{k=0}^{\infty} \frac{a_k}{k+1} x^{k+1} + C = \sum_{k=0}^{\infty} a_k \int_0^x t^k dt$$

The radius and interval of convergence are preserved under differentiation and Integration.

Example 5:

Find a MacLaurin Series for the function $f(x) = x^2 \tan^{-1}(x)$

→ find a MacLaurin series for $\tan^{-1}(x)$:

$$\tan^{-1}(x) = \int_0^x \frac{dt}{1+t^2}$$

← geometric series
 $r = -t^2$

$$= \int_0^x \left(\sum_{n=0}^{\infty} (-1)^n t^{2n} \right) dt$$

$|r| < 1 \Leftrightarrow |t| < 1$
 $\Leftrightarrow |x| < 1$

$$= \sum_{n=0}^{\infty} (-1)^n \int_0^x t^{2n} dt$$

$$= \sum_{n=0}^{\infty} (-1)^n \frac{t^{2n+1}}{2n+1} \bigg|_0^x = \sum_{n=0}^{\infty} (-1)^n \frac{x^{2n+1}}{(2n+1)}$$

$$\rightarrow \text{so } f(x) = x^2 \cdot \tan^{-1}(x)$$

$$= x^2 \sum_{n=0}^{\infty} (-1)^n \frac{x^{2n+1}}{2n+1} = \sum_{n=0}^{\infty} \frac{(-1)^n x^{2n+3}}{2n+1}$$

Example: Find a power series for $\int_0^x \cos(t^2) dt = f(x)$

1. $\sum_k (-1)^k \frac{x^{4k+1}}{(4k+1)(2k)!}$

2. $\sum_k (-1)^k \frac{x^{4k+4}}{(4k+4)(2k)!}$

3. $\sum_k (-1)^k \frac{x^{4k^2+1}}{(4k^2+1)(2k)!}$

4. $\sum_k (-1)^k \frac{x^{2k+1}}{(2k+1)(2k)!}$

→ first find a power series for $\cos(t^2)$

$$\cos(t^2) = \sum_{n=0}^{\infty} \frac{(-1)^n t^{4n}}{(2n)!} \quad (t^2)^{2n} = t^{4n}$$

→ integrate termwise:

$$\int_0^x \cos(t^2) dt$$

$$= \sum_{N=0}^{\infty} \frac{(-1)^N}{(2N)!} \int_0^x t^{4N} dt = \sum_{N=0}^{\infty} \frac{(-1)^N}{(2N)!} \frac{t^{4N+1}}{4N+1} \Big|_0^x$$

$$= \sum_{N=0}^{\infty} \frac{(-1)^N}{(2N)!} \frac{x^{4N+1}}{4N+1}$$

Example 6:

Estimate $\int_0^{1/2} \cos(x^3) dx$ within

an error range of 0.001.

→ idea: find a series for the integral
and approximate it to within
1
1000 using methods we have seen

$$\rightarrow \cos(x^3) = \sum_{N=0}^{\infty} \frac{(-1)^N x^{6N}}{(2N)!}$$

$$\rightarrow I = \int_0^{1/2} \cos(x^3) dx = \sum_{N=0}^{\infty} \frac{(-1)^N}{(2N)!} \int_0^{1/2} x^{6N} dx$$

$$= \sum_{N=0}^{\infty} \frac{(-1)^N}{(2N)!} \frac{x^{6N+1}}{6N+1} \Big|_0^{1/2}$$

$$= \sum_{N=0}^{\infty} \frac{(-1)^N}{(2N)!} \cdot \frac{1}{2^{6N+1}} \cdot \frac{1}{6N+1} \quad (*)$$

→ apply an approx. to the alternating series in (*).

$$\left| I - \sum_{k=0}^N \frac{(-1)^k}{(2k)!} \cdot \frac{1}{2^{6k+1}} \cdot \frac{1}{6k+1} \right|$$
$$\leq \frac{1}{(2N+2)!} \cdot \frac{1}{2^{6N+7}} \cdot \frac{1}{6N+7} \leq \frac{1}{1000}$$

Plug in $N=0, 1, 2$ to find N so this is true

$N=2$ works, so our approximation to I is:

$$I \approx \sum_{k=0}^2 \frac{(-1)^k}{(2k)!} \cdot \frac{1}{z^{6k+1}} \cdot \frac{1}{6k+1}$$

6. (a) (4 points) Find a Taylor series centered at $a = 0$ (MacLaurin series) for the function $f(x) = e^{-\frac{x^2}{2}}$. Simplify your answer and write in Σ -notation.

(b) (4 points) Using your answer from part (a), find a series representation for the integral below. Simplify your answer to receive full credit.

$$\int_0^1 e^{-\frac{x^2}{2}} dx$$

(c) (4 points) Find the approximate value of your series in part (b) by estimating the sum within an error range of $E = 0.1$.

(a) recall that for any real t

$$e^t = \sum_{N=0}^{\infty} \frac{t^N}{N!}$$

Plug in $t = -\frac{x^2}{2}$:

$$f(x) = e^{-\frac{x^2}{2}} = \sum_{N=0}^{\infty} \frac{(-1)^N x^{2N}}{2^N \cdot N!} \quad (*)$$

(b) find a series for $I = \int_0^1 e^{-x^2/2} dx$.

• integrate (*) termwise

$$I = \int_0^1 f(x) dx = \sum_{N=0}^{\infty} \frac{(-1)^N}{2^N \cdot N!} \int_0^1 x^{2N} dx$$

$$= \sum_{N=0}^{\infty} \frac{(-1)^N}{2^N \cdot N!} \frac{x^{2N+1}}{2N+1} \Big|_0^1$$

$$= \sum_{N=0}^{\infty} \frac{(-1)^N}{2^N \cdot N!} \cdot \frac{1}{(2N+1)} \quad (**)$$

(c) asked to approximate (**) to within an error of $E = \frac{1}{10}$.

• by the alternating series approximation

$$\left| I - \sum_{k=0}^N \frac{(-1)^k}{2^k \cdot k!} \cdot \frac{1}{(2k+1)} \right| \leq \frac{1}{2^{N+1} (N+1)!} \cdot \frac{1}{(2N+3)}$$

$$\leq \frac{1}{10} \quad (***)$$

• Plug in $N=0, 1, 2, \dots$ to find the smallest N so that $(***)$ is true:

$$\rightarrow N=0: \frac{1}{2 \cdot 1} \cdot \frac{1}{3} = \frac{1}{6} \not\leq \frac{1}{10} \quad \times$$

$$\rightarrow N=1: \frac{1}{4 \cdot 2} \cdot \frac{1}{5} = \frac{1}{40} \leq \frac{1}{10} \quad \checkmark$$

• So we get that:

$$I \approx \sum_{k=0}^1 \frac{(-1)^k}{2^k \cdot k!} \cdot \frac{1}{(2k+1)}$$